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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to congratulate Kianca Fincher, a
4 recent graduate of Hyde Park Academy's International
5 Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, on receiving a scholarship
6 from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless; and

7 WHEREAS, Kianca Fincher spent part of her high school years
8 living without a home; through her hard work and dedication to
9 school, she became known for being very bright, hard-working,
10 and maintaining a 3.4848 grade point average and being ranked
11 28th out of her class of 250; and

12 WHEREAS, Kianca was a member of the soccer team and the
13 marching band; as a freshman she participated in retreats and
14 training programs as part of the freshmen leadership team; and

15 WHEREAS, Kianca served as a mentor to freshmen while a
16 senior through the freshmen adoption program; she worked with
17 the artist-in-residence to create an elaborate mosaic that will
18 be installed in the school garden; in addition, she holds
19 membership in the National Honor Society; and

20 WHEREAS, Kianca helped raised money for SMILETRAIN, a
21 charity providing aid to children in foreign countries that are

1 born with cleft palates; she served as a recruiter during the
2 Academy's Eighth Grade Open House; she has helped raise money
3 for cancer research and enlisted classmates during a "Real Men
4 Wear Pink" Day to raise cancer awareness in the school; and

5 WHEREAS, Outside of school, Kianca has participated in
6 HIV/AIDS Walkathons, volunteering at the "Bottomless Closet",
7 where she distributed clothes to the less fortunate, and served
8 as a tutor to elementary age children in the neighborhood;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
12 congratulate Kianca Fincher for her hard work and willingness
13 to succeed; and we congratulate her on receiving this important
14 scholarship to further her education; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
16 presented to Kianca Fincher as a symbol of our admiration.